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Tuesday 21 February 2017

Diary Dates

Thursday 23 February 2017

Year 8 Parents' Evening 4.30pm — 7.00pm

Thursday 9 March 2017

Year 7 Parents' Evening 4.30pm — 7.00pm

Tuesday 14 March 2017

Parent Forum 5.30pm — 6.30pm

Tuesday 21 March 2017

Year 11 Parent Information Evening
6.00pm — 7.00pm 'Preparing for exams'



ABSENCE REPORTING

01536 741857 — OPTION 1

Please report pupil absences as early as possible each day on the main Academy telephone number—01536 741857. Select option 1 (Please note — a call to the Academy is necessary on **EACH** day of absence).

Message from Principal

Welcome to our latest newsletter. It is an important time of year for our different year groups for different reasons. Year 11 have now had their mock exam results and parent evenings, and we shall now be starting our extensive revision and interventions programme. Information about this will be given to the pupils and it will also be available on the website. We shall be asking parents to come in for a family interview with those pupils who appear to be struggling to establish how we can work together to support improvements. There will be revision programmes running in all subject areas, and master classes will be running at the end of the Academy day in Maths and Science topic areas specifically. We shall also be launching our Passport to the Prom which will encourage pupils to attend these independent study sessions. The Study Hub remains open Monday to Thursday for all pupils to attend: biscuits are provided!

These next few days and weeks are also very significant for Year 9 pupils. The options process is in full swing and the options evening was well attended by pupils and parents. Every Year 9 pupil will have an interview with a member of staff to talk through their possible options choices, as we look to support them onto appropriate courses commensurate with their interests, career aspirations and subject strengths. The Year 9 subject parent evening was held on Thursday 9 February 2017 with the deadline for options forms the next day.

You will also see as you read on that there is much to celebrate and recognise in the life of the Academy. However, I would like to close with a cautionary note about social media. Increasingly we are getting warnings from local safeguarding agencies, including the Police, about bogus sites that are looking to exploit and groom youngsters. Please do be vigilant and take an interest in what your children are accessing on their computers and mobile devices. If you are able, I think it is a good idea to ask your sons and daughters to leave their internet devices downstairs overnight to ensure their sleep is not interrupted by the 'ping' of another incoming message. For your information the latest sites that are causing concern are the live.ly and the Musical.ly apps. Parents nationwide are being asked to be vigilant and to check whether or not their children have downloaded the apps to their phones. If so, they should ensure they are deleted. While we are not aware of any issues involving Kingswood pupils, we ask that you are vigilant. If you have any concerns about a specific incident you should report it to the local police via 101.

Social media, despite the salutary warnings, is a largely positive medium: please do subscribe to our twitter feed for the latest news and information at @KingswoodAcad.

Andy Burton
Principal



DONATION TO NORTHAMPTON TRUSTEE FUND

As you are aware, the Academy occasionally holds a non-uniform day, when for a small donation students are allowed to wear their own clothes. After a recent non-uniform day, the proceeds from the day were donated to Northampton Trustee Fund, a local charity the Academy regularly supports. The charity raises money for Penyem village, Gambia. Ben Porter, Year 12 and Deputy Head Boy, arranged for the donation to be forwarded to Northampton Trustee Fund. The co-founder of the charity, Mr Andy Butler, has written to Ben and asked him to pass on thanks to everyone at Kingswood for their continued support. A copy of the letter appears below.



Registered UK Charity Number: 1115191

www.northamptontrusteefund.co.uk

13 February 2017

Dear Benjamin Porter.

I am writing to thank you on behalf of NTF and the villagers of Penyem, The Gambia, for the donation of £429.50 that I received today. It was a very welcome surprise as I was not aware that you were holding a fundraising event for NTF!

As I am sure you are aware Kingswood has had close connections with our work in Penyem. Most recently, in 2014, a group of students from the school joined NTF in fundraising for an ambulance for the village. This ambulance was purchased in February 2014. It was second hand but in good condition. In December 2016, we were informed that the ambulance needed a significant amount of work done on the engine. We decided it would be more economical to fit a reconditioned unit, costing £1500. However, we would have to fundraise toward this cost. The donation you have sent completes this fundraising and we will now be able to arrange for the work to be done straight away.

I would be grateful if you could pass this good news on to all the students who were involved in the fundraising. Please also keep it in mind that I am always available to come and speak to groups at Kingswood.

Thank you again.

Andy Butler on behalf of NTF.

SIXTH FORM TRIP TO GAMBIA FEBRUARY 2018

For many years the Academy has supported a village in The Gambia, West Africa. We are organising to take a group of Sixth Form students to Penyem, Gambia, during the holiday in February 2018. This is an amazing lifetime opportunity to visit a lower income country and see the local people living their daily lives. Students will see the running of the school, medical centre, solar farm and experience how people go about their everyday lives, with the chance to help cooking, wash, and collect the vegetable and grain.

Planning for the trip is in the early stages, with places limited to 15 students, allocated on a 'first-come first-served' basis. Mrs Commons (Head of Geography), Mr Robertson (Head of Sixth form) and Miss E Carroll (Humanities) will be taking part in the trip, and it is likely that additional staff may also take up this wonderful chance to visit The Gambia. The cost of flights and bed and breakfast hotel accommodation, airport transfers in The Gambia, transport to the village, insurance etc will be approximately £950-£1000 per student. A non returnable deposit of £200 is required by Friday 3 March, with the balance to be paid by the October holiday 2017.

Letters containing all of the details for the trip are available from Mrs Commons or on the Academy website.

For full details of the charity please visit www.northamptontf.blogspot.com.

Year 8 Parents' Evening

A Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 23 February 2017 from 4:30pm – 7:00pm. Progress reports will be available at the start of the evening, when parents will be given the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with each of his/her subject teachers. The Academy uses an online appointment system for parents' evenings at:

<http://kingswoodsecondaryacademy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>.

Using this system, parents will be able to make an appointment directly with subject teachers. **The online facility will be open for appointments from 9:00am on 16 February 2017 until 3:00pm on 23 February 2017.** The login details are the student's name and tutor group. Please choose the 'Year 8 parents' evening 2017' and follow the on-screen instructions for making appointments. If you are unable to use this system your child should speak to the Year 8 Office directly to make appointments. **Please arrive 10 minutes before your first appointment to give you time to look at your child's progress report before meeting subject teachers.**



Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

'MILK' the replacement for 'SHOW MY HOMEWORK'

You may have noticed on the Academy web site that the 'Show My Homework' icon has been replaced by 'Milk'. Milk will enable you to monitor your child's homework in the same way as Show My Homework, and will also allow you to monitor your child's attendance as well as their achievement and behaviour points. You don't need a smartphone to use Milk. It is available for desktops, as well as IOS and Android devices.

All pupils have received their own log in details, plus a letter for their parents explaining 'MILK' and how to log on to the system. If you have not received these details please do not hesitate to contact Miss K Martindale, Assistant Principal at: kmartindale@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org.



History Trip to Somme Battlefields 2017

The History Department is organising a three-day two-night visit for next year's Year 9 students to visit the Somme Battlefields in Northern France on Thursday 9 November, returning on Saturday 11 November 2017. The trip is designed to fit in with the Year 9 module on Twentieth Century History. The cost of the trip is £225 per Student, which covers the cost of travel, accommodation, insurance, meals (from Thursday evening and including breakfast on Saturday morning) and entry to a museum in Albert.

Places are limited and will be issued on a 'first come first served' basis. If you would like your child to take part in this worthwhile trip, please return a reply slip and consent form with a £75 non-refundable deposit, placed in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name on the front. Envelopes should be handed in to the Finance Office no later than 1 March 2017.

The following members of staff will be supervising the trip: Mrs Paul (Head of History), Mrs Annand, Ms Magee, Mrs Blakeston and Mr Glaze.

LIGHT UP YOUR FUTURE



HELPS YOU WITH LEARNING, HOMEWORK AND REVISION

REMEMBER!

GCSEPod is now available at Kingswood Secondary Academy! We have subscribed to the award-winning service to give your child access to thousands of hours of professionally produced, audio-visual content which will benefit them throughout the coming year. Visit www.kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org to find out more.

ONLINE SAFETY

We have been advised by another school in the county to warn parents/carers about the use of unregulated music Apps, in particular we are concerned about the use of Apps which are designed to allow the user to create music videos. We have been informed that pedophiles regularly trawl these sites in order to attract pupils away to private chat rooms which can lead to highly inappropriate behaviour.

The Academy is able to educate young people to the dangers they face online and give them the tools to protect themselves. However, we realise that it is not always possible for parents/carers to police and monitor in full their online activity so it is important that we work together to keep them as safe as possible. We are sure you will continue to remind them about online safety and to be vigilant about using only safe websites and Apps. If you have any concerns about this please contact your child's Head of Year for further discussion.

Matthew Van Lier, Deputy Principal



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

We are very pleased to advise that our Science department has now opened the doors to the labs at lunch times for Year 11 pupils for a drop in study club. We do hope that the pupils take advantage of this.

Year 11 Sixth Form tutoring now takes place every Thursday morning during registration for those requiring additional support. This may possibly be extended this term.

The RAF 'Fun with Flight' STEM roadshow will be visiting Kingswood on Tuesday 21 March 2017 to give a presentation to Years 8 and 9 about flying and engineering. The pupils will experience such things as: a drone flying over their heads, finding out how the Cuanda effect keeps things in the air, experience a rollercoaster using virtual reality and see a real-life jet engine being fired at up to 600°C and 30,000 rpm!

BASKETBALL



This Thursday, 23 February, the Year 7 boys basketball team will be competing in the county basketball finals at Arena Sports, Kettering.

The Year 7 pupils will be hoping to build on their success of becoming district champions earlier this year. The squad will include:

Harry Mitchell	Lewis Raine	Alfie Colyer	Luke Best
Mason Price	Leon Brooks	Louis James	Taylor Farrell
Sam Rattigan	Seyitan Showunmi		



Sports Club Timetable – Term 4

Venue	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School – Sports Hall	Table Tennis with <i>Corby TT Club</i>				
Break 2 – Sports Hall (1:00 – 1:30) Trainers required	Badminton Club <i>ACO</i>	KS3 Basketball Club <i>PH</i>	Year 7 & 8 Badminton Club <i>MGA</i>	Table Tennis with <i>Corby TT Club</i>	Y10 Basketball <i>JA</i>
AFTER SCHOOL (3:10 – 4:10)					
Astro / Field		Girls Rugby Club <i>ACO/JA</i>	Y8 Football Club <i>PH</i>	Year 7 Boys Rugby <i>NS/JA</i>	
Netball Courts				Girls Football <i>RLA/MGA</i>	
Sports Hall	Badminton Smash Up <i>JA</i>	KS3 Boys Basketball Club <i>PH/MGA</i>	CV Suite / fitness Y9/10/11 Girls <i>HCO</i>	Table Tennis with <i>Corby TT Club</i> KS3 Boxing Club <i>MGA</i>	
Fixtures / Revision (See teacher)	GCSE PE Revision Group (H7) BTEC Catch up (IV7)		Y9 Netball <i>ACO</i> Y9 Boys Football <i>DW</i>	Y7/8 Girls Football <i>RLA/MGA</i> Y8 Boys Football <i>PH</i> Y10 Cambridge National (catch up) <i>ACO</i>	

Please note, the Kingswood Secondary Academy PE Kit must be worn for all after school clubs. Clubs will run from 3:10-4:10pm, therefore ensure that you register and arrange to be picked up at 4:15pm.

LOST PROPERTY

We have accumulated a great deal of lost property, and unfortunately will only be able to store it for a short while. If your child has lost any of the items below, please remind them to visit Student Reception to collect them.

Jackets:

Purple jacket with 'paint like stains'
Medium size—green at top/black at bottom
Year 14 size-blue with ATHL 76 on the left side
Extra small cedar wood state blue
Year 11-12 size navy blue puffer from George

Hoodies:

Large black adidas with white stripes

Coats:

Size 16 black Brooke heaven coat
Black with fur hood, no size, 'I love girlwear' on the label
Year 12-13 size black with fur inside and gold zip pockets
Regatta raincoat
Year 12-13 size black rebel

Academy uniform:

Cardigans
Jumpers

A variety of different keys, ear rings, memory sticks, bracelets etc.
White JD bag



ANTI-BULLYING

The anti-bullying theme this year is '**Power for Good**'.

Following from the anti-bullying week 14 — 18 November, when we took a stand against bullying across the Academy, we are encouraging everyone to take action by reporting bullying by :

- Email : ksa-antibullying@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org
- posting a note in the anti-bullying post box situated in Pupil Reception
- telling a form tutor, head of year or deputy head of year.



During the week, pupils decorated the Humanities corridor with bricks they had designed about anti-bullying.



UNDER 16's GIRLS FOOTBALL INTO THE COUNTY CUP!



We are very proud to say the Under 16 Girls won a very tight match but are through to the County Cup Final.

Recently, the girls played Moulton School. Alex O'Neill (year 11) scored the second goal a second before the whistle finishing the 60 minute match 2-2. This was followed by 10 minutes' extra time with additional goals scored, leaving the score at 2-2. The girls then went to penalties, our goal keeper Georgia Summerfield did an excellent job! After 7 penalties the girls won, making it to the Final round of the County Cup.

Details of the Cup Final are yet to be confirmed. Well done to :

Alex O'Neill
Macy Mulgrove
Chloe McKay

Alanah Chalmers
Shelbie MacLeod
Daria Kot

Maddy McGivern
Sophi McCardie
Leah Holloway

Georgia Summerfield
Sasha Law
Kayleigh Morrow

Well done to all the players and GOOD LUCK WITH THE FINAL!



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